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1. The following items appeared in a ten-page mimeographed publication entitled Adelante (Forward), which called itself the "Organ of the Communist Party of Paraguay", dated 24 September 1948. (Comment. This may be the first copy of Adelante to be published since 11 February 1947.)

a. The front page article, "Natalicio Gonzalez, Quisling of Yankee Imperialism", states that the principal aid upon which Gonzalez depends to maintain himself in power is North American diplomacy. Brazilian and Yankee military missions have worked in Gonzalez' favor by pacifying officers in the Paraguayan Army opposed to Gonzalez and by instituting brief, concentrated courses of study in order to produce a new group of army officers favorable to the present regime. The United States loaned Manuel Frutos' provisional government five million dollars on the condition that Gonzalez would be allowed to assume office on 15 August 1948, and withheld delivery of five new boats for the Paraguayan State Merchant Fleet until assurance was given that Gonzalez would be inaugurated.

b. The article also notes that a secret military pact has been signed by Paraguay with Brazil and the United States providing for the movement of the arsenals into the country's interior and the construction of a military air base which could be used for bringing Brazilian troops into Paraguay. This pact is a threat to the independence of Paraguay and its objective can be understood by recalling that on a recent occasion the Argentine Foreign Minister, warning the Brazilian people against the aggressive anti-Argentine campaign being conducted by certain Brazilian newspapers, stated that North American monopolists were the only ones interested in pushing Brazil into a conflict with Argentina. The Gonzalez government, completely controlled by the United States and Brazilian Embassies, proposes to make Paraguay a peon in the work of politically and militarily encircling Argentina.

c. The weakness of the present Paraguayan government is claimed to be in its inherent incapacity to consolidate itself and to solve the country's economic and financial problems. Elements in the army are becoming disgusted with the Guion Rojo's mismanagement.

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d. Another article in Adelante claims that the Consejo Obrero del Paraguay (COP) is the only hope of the workers. When members of the railroad union (████████ Comment. A union under the Organizacion Republicana Obrera (ORO), which the publication criticizes) requested in a public meeting that the union ask for a pay increase to meet the rising cost of living, they were informed by the union's officers that the government had ordered that no more raises be granted during the remainder of the year.

e. An article entitled "The Imperialists Make Illegal Attempts Against the United Nations", points out that the policy of the American government is to create blocs in Europe and other continents and thus attack the very foundation of the United Nations. The United States has opposed the Soviet Union's requests for disarmament, for atomic control, and for the conclusion of treaties with Germany and Japan, and has maintained her troops in China while the USSR has evacuated hers. The greatest insult of all to democracy is the United States' recommendation that the Franco regime be recognized and that Spain be included in the United Nations.

2. Another one-page mimeographed pamphlet, signed by the Federacion Juvenil Comunista Comite Ejecutivo (Executive Committee of the Communist Youth Federation) and dated 29 September 1948, has been circulated by the Communists. The pamphlet claims that the North Americans are planning the wholesale murder of the Communists now held in the public jail.

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